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SUBJ: MAVROS COMMENTS ON CYPRUS

1. SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN THIS MORNING CARRIES THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER MAVROS: "THE DEPUTY PM AND FM, MR. GEORGE MAVROS, COMMENTING ON PRESS REPORTS THAT U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER WOULD VISIT ATHENS AFTER ANKARA, SAID YESTERDAY THAT DR. KISSINGER PLANNED TO VISIT ANKARA BUT NOT ATHENS. MR. MAVROS SAID THAT DR. KISSINGER'S VISIT TO THE TURKISH CAPITAL WAS A SOUND MOVE, BECAUSE ANKARA WAS THE EPICENTER OF THE CYPRUS CRISIS. ANKARA HAS VIOLATED THE TREATIES AND OCCUPIED CYPRUS MILITARILY. IT IS THEREFORE RIGHT FOR MR. KISSINGER TO GO THERE AND NOT TO ATHENS, MR. MAVROS SAID."

2. ACCORDING TO ACCOUNT CENTER UNION MEETING EVENING OF OCT 7 IN KATHIMERINI AFTER OBJECTIONS BY POLYCHRONIDIS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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HOUTAS CONCERNING MAVROS REMAINING IN CARETAKER GOVERNMENT,

MAVROS REQUESTED THAT HE BE AUTHORIZED TO REMAIN IN SERVICE GOVERNMENT FROM 6-8 DAYS LONGER IN VIEW OF FACT THAT IT IS "VERY PROBABLE" THAT THE CHIEF OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, MR. KISSINGER, WILL VISIT ATHENS AFTER THE VISITS TO ANKARA AND MOSCOW. THE CU PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE LEFT IT UP TO MR. MAVROS TO DECIDE THE QUESTION OF HIS REMAINING IN THE GOVERNMENT. OTHER REPORTS SIMPLY STATE THAT IT HAS BEEN DEEMED EXPEDIENT FOR MAVROS TO REMAIN IN THE GOVERNMENT FOR FEW DAYS, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF COMING VISIT OF DR. KISSINGER TO ANKARA WHICH WILL CERTAINLY INFLUENCE COURSE OF CYPRUS PROBLEM. GREEK RADIO NEWS ADDED THAT HE WAS REMAINING FOR 6-8 DAYS IN CARETAKER GOVERNMENT IN EVENT TURKEY GAVE DR. KISSINGER INDICATIONS OF STEPS THAT MIGHT ADVANCE PROSPECTS FOR CYPRUS SOLUTION.

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